

WHEN TEUTON MEETS BRITON ON THE HIGH SEAS

IN warfare particularly, "To him that hath shall be given." Before the war Great Britain had a merchant marine tonnage computed at 20,000,000 gross tons. Germany had one of 5,000,000 tons. Since then Germany has suffered the almost complete loss of her merchant marine, if we include those ships of hers interned in foreign ports. But Great Britain, despite the activity of von Tirpitz's submarines and the ubiquity of Teutonic mines, has materially increased hers. Hence, some of the wrath which curls upward the Kaiserliche's mustache.

This may seem rather surprising (the increase in British ships, not the curl of the imperial mustache) to those of us whose imaginations have been fired with the past exploits of the German submarine, and with those to come as promised in the announcement from Berlin prescribing a ring round the British Isles. There has been something spectacular and novel, almost inspiring—neutrally speaking—about the German raids on British commerce, a something that has seemed wholly lacking in British raids on German commerce. The Germans have fought and dodged and captured and fled; they have used dynamite and torpedoes; they have attacked not alone on the sea's surface, in the manner of the Emden and Karlsruhe, but from above and below, as well. They have filled the mind; they have made history! Still rather stupefied by their pyrotechnics one may be excused for the subconscious impression that they have been evening up their score in the merchant marine field with the imperturbable J. Bull.

The fact is that they haven't begun to!

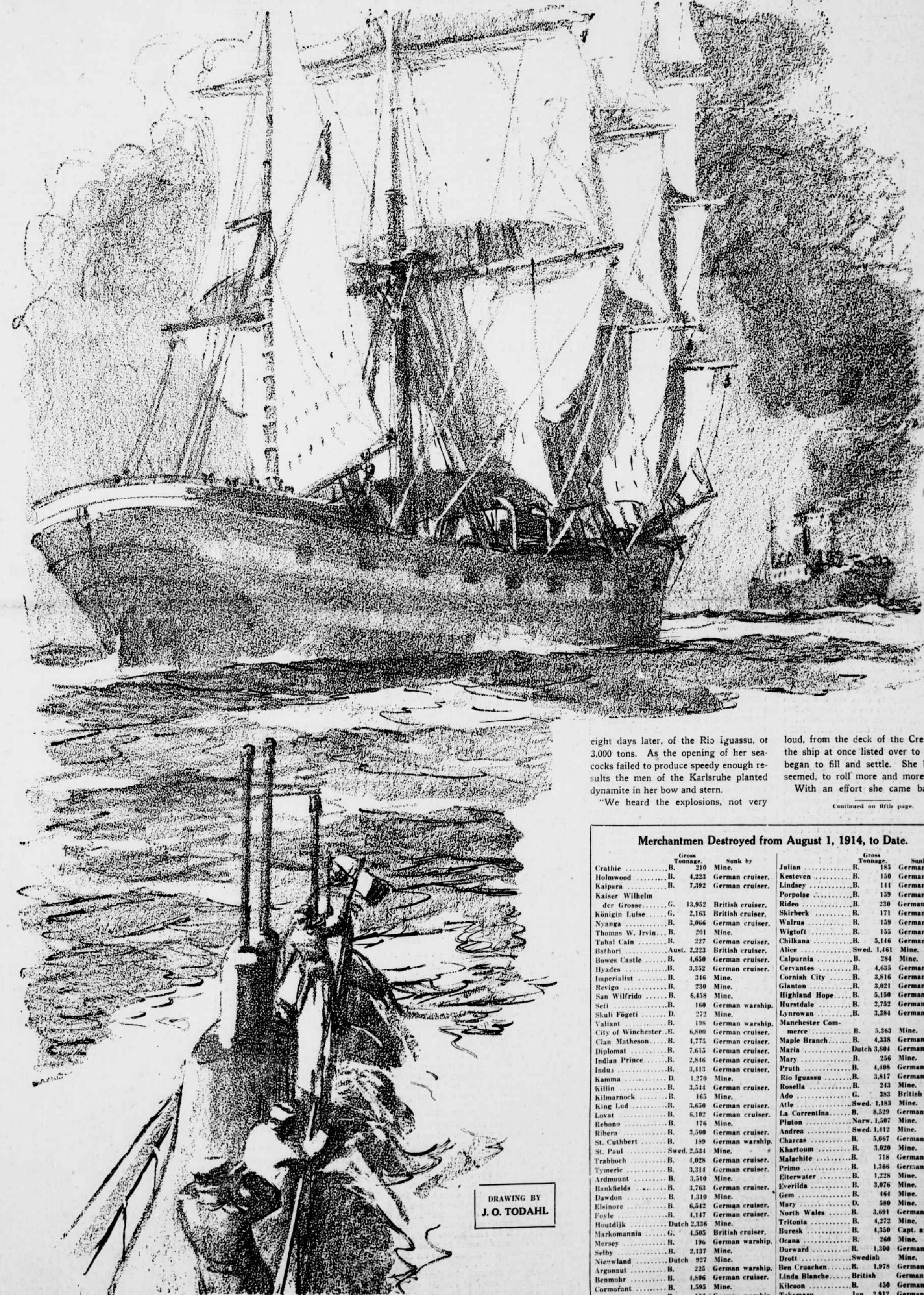
THE ALLIES' FLEETS MADE GREAT NUMBERS OF PRIZES.

In the first two months of the war the allied navies captured as many as 400 German and Austrian ships (at a ratio of seven or eight German to one Austrian) in all parts of the world. Quietly, without any fuss, the allied cruisers, British for the most part, convoyed these captured vessels into allied ports, also mainly British. With almost the entire German navy bottled up at home the Allies' ships, in virtual command of the seas, could spare their prizes. A blank shot as a signal to heave to; the visit of an officer in a whaleboat; the imposition of a prize crew; a run to the victor's nearest colonial or home port, and the thing was accomplished! The German crew was interned or dismissed, and in neither case did its members get home to tell their troubles to their kinsfolk. The incident was closed and promptly forgotten.

But the Germans, hunted from port to port and over the seven seas, possessing no colonial ports to which to make a run with their prizes and no means of interning their captured crews, have had no other recourse than to sink practically all of the enemy's ships they have taken and to turn the captured crews loose to describe to a breathless public the details of their capture and the methods and manners of such will-of-the-wisps as the Emden and Karlsruhe and those long submarines which appear suddenly out of the depths to seal the fate of a proud bark or a saucy tramp.

John Ashbrook, chief wireless operator on the British steamer Highland Hope, one of the Karlsruhe's victims, has told a vivid story of the six weeks in which he was a prisoner aboard one of the Karlsruhe's tenders. In that time the little German fighting ship captured and sunk off the coast of South America eleven British steamers, including the Highland Hope, and didn't once put into port.

She came upon the Highland Hope about 1 o'clock in the midwatch of the morning of September 14, 200 miles off the coast of Brazil, "a dark ship on the starboard beam." She ran abreast of her prospective prey until dawn at 4 o'clock, and then, without a flag of any sort to proclaim her nationality, she closed in, a silent, gray menace. The crew of the Highland Hope, true to the name of their ship, made a careful guess that it might be the British cruiser Glasgow, but "nobody was willing to bet on it." The captain tried vainly to run away from the stranger. He tried sending a wireless message for help, until a shell screamed by within six inches of the bridge, almost tweaking his nose. Simultaneously, the Karlsruhe broke out the big black and gold double eagle of the imperial German ensign, "as if it, too, were produced by the shot, and the captain of the Highland Hope hove to. It is an impressive thing to see an ocean

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eight days later, of the Rio Iguassu, or 3,000 tons. As the opening of her sea-cocks failed to produce speedy enough results the men of the Karlsruhe planted dynamite in her bow and stern.

"We heard the explosions, not very

loud, from the deck of the Crefeld, and the ship at once listed over to port and began to fill and settle. She began, it seemed, to roll more and more heavily. With an effort she came back once

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Merchantmen Destroyed from August 1, 1914, to Date.

Gross Tonnage	Sunk by	Gross Tonnage	Sunk by
Crathie	B. 210 Mine	Julian	B. 185 German warship.
Holmwood	B. 4,223 German cruiser.	Kesteven	B. 150 German warship.
Kaipara	B. 7,392 German cruiser.	Lindsey	B. 114 German warship.
Kaiser Wilhelm	G. 13,952 British cruiser.	Porpoise	B. 159 German warship.
Königin Luise	G. 2,163 British cruiser.	Rides	B. 230 German warship.
Nyanga	B. 3,066 German cruiser.	Skirbeck	B. 171 German warship.
Thomas W. Irvin	B. 201 Mine.	Walrus	B. 159 German warship.
Tubal Cain	B. 227 German cruiser.	Wigtoft	B. 155 German warship.
Bathori	Aust. 2,223 British cruiser.	Chikana	B. 5,116 German cruiser.
Bowes Castle	B. 4,650 German cruiser.	Alice	Swed. 1,461 Mine.
Hyades	B. 3,352 German cruiser.	Calpurnia	B. 284 Mine.
Imperialist	B. 316 Mine.	Cervantes	B. 4,635 German cruiser.
Revigo	B. 230 Mine.	Cornish City	B. 3,816 German cruiser.
San Wilfrido	B. 6,458 Mine.	Glanton	B. 3,021 German cruiser.
Seti	B. 160 German warship.	Highland Hope	B. 5,150 German cruiser.
Skull Fögeti	D. 272 Mine.	Hurstdale	B. 2,752 German cruiser.
Valiant	B. 198 German warship.	Lynrowan	B. 3,384 German cruiser.
City of Winchester	B. 6,800 German cruiser.	Manchester Commerce	B. 5,363 Mine.
Clan Matheson	B. 4,775 German cruiser.	Maple Branch	B. 4,338 German cruiser.
Diplomat	B. 7,615 German cruiser.	Maria	Dutch 3,804 German cruiser.
Indian Prince	B. 2,816 German cruiser.	Mary	B. 256 Mine.
Indus	B. 3,413 German cruiser.	Pruth	B. 4,408 German cruiser.
Kamma	D. 1,270 Mine.	Rio Iguassu	B. 3,817 German cruiser.
Killin	B. 3,514 German cruiser.	Rosella	B. 243 Mine.
Kilmarnock	B. 165 Mine.	Ado	G. 383 British cruiser.
King Lud	B. 3,650 German cruiser.	Atle	Swed. 1,183 Mine.
Lovat	B. 6,102 German cruiser.	La Correntina	B. 8,529 German cruiser.
Rebona	B. 176 Mine.	Pluton	Norw. 1,507 Mine.
Ribera	B. 3,500 German cruiser.	Andrea	Swed. 1,412 Mine.
St. Cuthbert	B. 189 German warship.	Charcas	B. 5,067 German cruiser.
St. Paul	Swed. 2,534 Mine.	Khartoum	B. 3,020 Mine.
Traboch	B. 4,028 German cruiser.	Malachite	B. 718 German sub'me.
Tymerie	B. 3,314 German cruiser.	Primo	B. 1,366 German sub'me.
Ardmont	B. 3,510 Mine.	Elterwater	B. 1,228 Mine.
Bankfields	B. 2,763 German cruiser.	Everilda	B. 3,076 Mine.
Dawdon	B. 1,310 Mine.	Gem	B. 464 Mine.
Elsinore	B. 6,542 German cruiser.	Mary	D. 580 Mine.
Foyle	B. 4,117 German cruiser.	North Wales	B. 3,691 German cruiser.
Houtdijk	Dutch 2,336 Mine.	Tritonia	B. 4,272 Mine.
Markomannia	G. 4,505 British cruiser.	Buresk	B. 4,350 Capt. and sunk.
Mersey	B. 196 German warship.	Ocana	B. 260 Mine.
Selby	B. 2,137 Mine.	Durward	B. 1,300 German sub'me.
Nieuwland	Dutch 927 Mine.	Drott	Swedish Mine.
Argonaut	B. 225 German warship.	Ben Cruschen	B. 1,978 German sub'me.
Benmohr	B. 4,806 German cruiser.	Linda Blanche	British German sub'me.
Cormorant	B. 1,595 Mine.	Kileoon	B. 450 German sub'me.
Flavian	B. 186 German warship.	Tokomaru	Jap. 3,912 German sub'me.
Glitra	B. 866 German sub'me.	Icaris	British German sub'me.
Indian	B. 185 German warship.	Admiral Ganteaume	French German sub'me.

VESSELS SUNK, 98.

Japanese	1	Dutch	3
French	1	Norwegian	1
Danish	3	German	4
Swedish	2	British	79
Austrian	1		